THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) M/s Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL's) plant is still in the construction stage. They engage a number of contractors at the plant site for constructions work. but do not engage any contract labour themselves.

(c) There is no stoppage of work at PPL's plant site due to any violation of Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act.

(d) Does not arise.

Manufacture of Thiram by M/s. S.M.P. Pvt. Ltd.

*256. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV :

SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s S.M.P Pvt Ltd , Bombay is holding registration certificate under the Insecticides Act for manufacture of Thiram 75 per cent W P /S D ;

(b) whether Government are aware that the firm is not holding valid industrial licence to manufacture the said insecticides;

(c) whether Government are aware that the firm has not imported and has not also taken Thiram technical from indigenous manufacturers, if so, in what manner they are manufacturing Thiram 75 per cent W P /S D of pesticide grade;

(d) whether Government are allowing manufacture of Thiram 75 percent W P or Seed Dresser from rubber chemical grade of Thiram having impurities highly toxic to human beings; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) above be in the negative, what action Government propose to take against the firm and what are the reasons for not informing the seed growing agencies about these malpractices of the firm ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) to (e) The information sought is to be collected from the concerned Departments like Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Department of Industrial Development, State Government concerned etc. and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Smuggling at the Kolar Gold Fields

*257. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that large scale smuggling of gold is going on at the Kolar Gold-fields; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the steps Government have taken to check such smuggling ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT) : (a) and (b) There have been some reported cases of theft of gold in the Kolar Gold Fields of Bharat Gold Mines Limited. About 10 cases have been detected during 1985-86 and they are pending in the Court at Kolar Gold Fields.

2. The Company has taken a number of steps for preventing the theft of gold from the mines and mills. About 522 persons are engaged for security purposes which includes pre-

venting the thefts of gold. The following measures are taken to prevent gold theft in the K.G.F. Mines :—

(a) Special Detective teams are posted for patrolling according to a programme made by the Chief Security Officer. Such programmes are kept strictly secret and are indicated to the Team just before the start of the shift. The places to be visited are identified in consultation with the Mine Managers as well as based on internal information.

(b) A special Intelligence Team has been constituted to oversee the work of the underground detectives and collect intelligence.

(c) All the workmen, when they come up, are searched by stripping at the shaft tops. Those suspected to be indulging in gold stealing by hiding the metal inside the body, are taken to the hospital for screening.

(d) All the tools and equipment, brought up from underground, are thoroughly searched for any hidden precious metal before being allowed to be taken away.

(e) A hand-held electronic metal detector, imported from U.K. though not sensitive enough to detect small quantities of gold, is yet used frequently as a tool to create fear of detection among the workmen, thereby curbing such activities.

3. In the metallurgical plants and chemical laboratory, the following measures are in vogue :—

(a) All employees, including officers, are subject to thorough search by stripping.

(b) No personal belongings are allowed to be taken inside.

(c) All tools and equipment before leaving the plants are thoroughly searched.

(d) All important points in the process circuit, where gold is visible, are manned by special duty security personnel.

4. Besides the above, there are certain measures taken by the company to prevent the smuggling of gold which are as follows :—

Rewards Scheme for informants is in vogue both for employees and general public. The maximum limit of reward is Rs. 5000/- or 5% of the value of gold involved.

Under Section 6 and 13 of Mysore Mines Regulation Act, 1906, a fine not exceeding Rs. 500/- or imprisonment for one year or both can be imposed on persons caught in gold stealing at KGF. The company has taken up with the State Government a proposal for enhancing the conviction period and the amount of fine as they are considered to be too meagre.

Proposal to shift the office of the Central Water Commission from Burla in Orissa to Raipur in Madhya Pradesh

*258. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether some suggestions have been given by the officials of the Central Water Commission, Hyderabad Circle, to shift the Central Water Commission office from Burla (Orissa) to Raipur in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether there has been resentment among the people of Orissa against this move; and

(c) if so, what action the Central Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) The Central Water Commission have no proposal